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FOR EUR/CAN AND VICE-PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BURNS AND BIEGING)

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TAGS: OVIP (WALTER MONDALE), CA  
SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT

REF: OTTAWA 257

1. VANCOUVER SUN OF JANUARY 18 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM ITS OTTAWA BUREAU CAPTIONED "MONDALE PROMISES REPRIEVE FOR CONVENTIONS IN CANADA." REPORT STATES MONDALE TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT U.S. TAX LAWS RESTRICTING FOREIGN CONVENTION DEDUCTIONS WOULD BE EASED AND THAT A NEW "ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARD" WOULD MAKE CANADA A LEGITIMATE LOCATION FOR CONVENTIONS OUTSIDE OF U.S. NEWS ITEM ALSO NOTES A FURTHER POTENTIAL BOOST FOR CANADA IN EXPECTED INCREASE IN DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCE FOR RETURNING U.S. CITIZENS FROM DOLS100 TO DOLS250 IN CARTER TAX PACKAGE.

2. SUN ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTS THAT GOC HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SHORT-TERM GAS EXPORTS WITH A SWAP-BACK OPTION AND THAT CABINET MEETING WITH MONDALE REACHED CONSENSUS ON STUDIES ON ELECTRICITY EXCHANGES AND AN OIL STORAGE FACILITY. OTHER TOPICS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WERE JOINT ECONOMIC POLICY TALKS, U.S. ACCOMMODATION OF SOME CANADIAN REQUESTS IN MTN, AND SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO U.S. COURTS  
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ON CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. COMPANIES.

3. SUN ARTICLE REPORTED THAT VICE-PRESIDENT REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO QUESTIONS CONCERNING CANADIAN NATIONAL UNITY BUT STATED VIEW THAT PRESIDENT AND AMERICANS IN GENERAL BELIEVE IN THE CONTINUATION OF A STRONG CONFEDERATION. "IT IS OUR POLICY, WHICH WE HAVE ADHERED TO, AND WHICH WE WILL ADHERE TO, NOT TO

BECOME INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY."

4. VANCOUVER PROVINCE OF JANUARY 18 REPORTED VISIT IN SHORT ITEM ON PAGE 7 WHICH ALSO EMPHASIZED THE CONVENTION TAX ISSUE. THIS REPORT ALSO INCLUDED, HOWEVER, AN INDIRECT QUOTE BY EXT AFF MINISTER JAMIESON THAT THIS IS ONE BEST TIMES FOR U.S.-CANADA RELATIONS.

5. CLIPPINGS WILL BE POUCHED AS INSTRUCTED.

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